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of conscience to speak the truth, and the truth  
I speak, impugn it who so list."

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## CUSTOMS OUTRAGE.

There is a kick coming. We cannot say if it will have any effect, but it ought to. The importers of fruits object to having their cherries and plums overhauled in the Custom House and they are surely right. The Custom House officials seem to be possessed of the same autocratic spirit that rules the other departments, and they show it by their uncalled for search of fruits imported on ice and which ought to be delivered to the consignee without delay. Fancy the government expecting dope or arms in a 6 lbs. box of cherries, through which any sane man can look? Fancy apples and peaches, and apricots, and cherries being handled by the dirty fingers of Custom House guards before the fruit can be offered to the public. It is about time that such practices were stopped, and it is to be hoped that the Collector-General when he gets time from his ardent duties on Kahuku and the prospective cable road in Honolulu will take steps which will check his guards and preserve the fruits. The cherries and apricots arrive in excellent condition and of a most tempting appearance. After the Custom guards get through looking for arms and dope the fruit looks far from tempting and like a second class shipment. If the fruit merchants in San Francisco were dealt with in the manner that their colleagues are in Honolulu, by officials who seem to lack the first rudiments of tact and decency, there would be a fine row and some heads would be broken. But the Honolulu fruit dealers and the fruit eaters seem to be satisfied in handling and eating "fingered" and "inspected" goods. In a six to eight pounds box of fruit, it is ridiculous to look for arms or opiums. Those who do so are fit subjects for the Insane Asylum. Red tape business as displayed in the spoiling of the most enjoyable luxury we have—California fruits—should be stopped at once. Let Mr. Jim Castle, our great Collector-General leave our delicate fruits alone and devote his time to finding the thousand pounds of opium imported under his nose during the last few months or to promoting the interests of a cable car and the Castles.

## THE ELECTRIC CAR ROAD

The Advertiser, the organ of the Castle family, is devoting space and time to show that the proposed franchise for an electric car road is a most patriotic and deserving measure; and it uses barrels of ink to hide the nigger in the electric car or to paint him even blacker than he now appears.

We are told this morning that three of the promoters have considerable wealth. We are also informed that the rest furnish, if not capital, at least experience. This statement ought to settle the matter and the franchise at once. That three of the promoters have capital we do not dispute. That they also have a "bust-d" electric car plant for sale, we believe. That the Armstrong Castle combination have experience in cable cars we deny.

Does Mr. Castle's organ really want us and the public to believe that James Dunsmuir, the only possibly wealthy man among the promoters, has signified his willingness to invest his coin in Hawaii for the purpose of bringing foreign capital to these benighted islands and giving employment to a lot of Asiatics? Mr. Dunsmuir has an object in view—and don't you forget it. No sane man will believe for a moment that the proposed cable car per se will be a paying concern. It would be too utterly absurd to think that cars running in back streets and side roads will be patronized by the public even if a swifter time could be obtained. Here in Honolulu we have got plenty of time. We have got so much of it that we are trying to kill it all the while. What business man is there here who would prefer the swift service of the cable car through Young street and then having to walk one or two blocks in the mud to his home on B-rentania or King street in preference to being let down at his gate in the car drawn by Paine's non-electric mules? Is it possible that the promoters can honestly believe that the public is anxious to ride to Waikiki along the evil smelling and scorching Kakaako beach rather than travelling at leisure through picturesque King street and their admiring beautiful houses, magnificent gardens, and "your" best girl?

If an electric road should be demanded and the progress of the city should justify the building of it, the work will be done by local capitalists. The promoters of the present franchise are simply organized to try to make a deal.

Armstrong was taken in because he was the editor of the Advertiser; Castle because his influence with the Government was considered great, and his financial manipulating qualities had been shown so beautifully in the Kahuku deal. There is now on foot a scheme to transfer the present Tramway Company into an electric road. The local capitalists who control the Electric Company in Honolulu may consolidate with the Tramway Company, and the service now howled for by Mr. Castle's organ would at once be established. That a movement to this effect is at present going on is well known to the Victoria promoters of the bill now before the Legislature. If the franchise is granted Honolulu will have no electric road; our local capitalists will be asked to buy out the Victoria crowd (the price wouldn't be much higher even if "Jim" and the "old woman" were thrown in) and they would promptly refuse. The "promoters" will never be able to build one mile of road but their franchise will effectually block any other company now existing or to be formed from operating here.

Honolulu will in due time get its cable road, but there is no sense or reason in granting an exclusive franchise to an irresponsible crowd who don't pay a cent's worth of taxes, or have a cent to their name in this country.

We print on our outside a report of teacher's appointments. By an error Kapohakimohewa is sent to Waiialua as principal instead of to Kailua, Oahu. The latter is correct.

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The whole Turkish peninsula except Roumania, is in a state of seething ferment. It appears at last from the attitude of all parties as if the Turk would either have to reconquer his lost provinces or go out of Europe altogether.

The long trials of San Francisco in trying to escape from railroad monopolies and their exclusive franchises is now supposed to be ended by the attainment by the new Valley Road of a terminus in San Francisco. The sufferings of San Francisco people under the railroad exactions should be a warning to people here to grant no more exclusive franchises to the electric railway.

The Advertiser states that McEvoy writes from California to say that no filibustering expeditions are being organized in any part of the United States. He further states this after having made a strict investigation. While McEvoy was here we knew and stated his reports of filibusters coming were unadulterated rot, but now that he is away and says they aren't coming we begin to fear they may come after all. Whatever McEvoy has said in the past the opposite has always been the truth.

The foreign news by the Australia was important. Disasters from storms and fire in the States, rumors of war in Europe, the threatening attitude of Russia and Japan all seem to point to coming trouble. It is quite possible that an accidental and trifling incident will precipitate a serious war. News will be anxiously looked for as each steamer arrives. In England the political situation seems to show that the absolute democracy, who now vote almost as manhood suffrage, are prepared to trust once more the aristocracy to lead them through whatever dangers the coming period will bring. The Liberal party seems to be utterly disintegrated.

The Home Rule party in Ireland seems by the news to be on the point of disintegration, and apparently some of the Irish societies in the States recognize this, for they declare that parliamentary effort has been a failure, and the only resource is the logic of a blow.

Some ignorant and ill-natured people say that our opposition to various actions of the government and legislature is personal and dictated by malevolence. Such is not the case. We perform on the part of the public the office of public critic. We desire to see the "best government Hawaii ever had." But in order to get this best government it is necessary that every public act should be performed in the right way. It is our duty then when we see anything wrong to say so in order to get it amended. When we see anything about to go wrong, to warn, so as to prevent the threatened mischief. Personal feeling cuts no figure in the matter but the public benefit does. We are not in existence to be slavish followers either of persons or parties. Our motto fully explains our attitude.

One of the most remarkable motions ever heard of in a Legislative body was passed yesterday by the House on motion of Representative Richards. It relegated the consideration of the Registration Act to a select committee of five. That is not remarkable. It is what follows. The Speaker was instructed

not to confine himself to members of the House. What a satire on the intelligence of the other members. Out of the fifteen men who represent the "great unwashed" portion of our republican constituencies, not five, in Representative Richards' opinion, have sense enough to deal with the Registration Act, and the fourteen other sapient Representatives agreed that it was so; for they passed the resolution. And these fifteen were the unanimous selection of the American Union Party.

When the Queen was on the throne she initiated a movement to place small settlers on the Crown Lands and Olaa was selected as the place to start with. Leases were granted on what were considered exceptionally favorable terms and many persons took up lots. Now the senate has practically abrogated every guarantee that those leases contain and offers the fee simple title to the holders at the price of \$6, \$4 and \$3 an acre. Olaa lands are, and have been said to be, the best coffee lands in the country. Will the senators sell their own sugar lands at corresponding prices to small settlers? Do they remember that they hold a public trust and have no right to give away the common property of all without a fair compensation?

"I will never ask you to go (on foot) where I would not go (on horseback)."—Colonel McLean. Some of us would like to go on horseback where we now go on foot. A Private

The Advertiser is awfully pleased because Bradstreet has placed its financial editorial approval on the Republic of Hawaii. When we remember that W. R. Castle is the Hawaiian correspondent to Bradstreet the endorsement loses some of its force.

Has the Legislature ever contemplated the probable effect of the electric cars should jump the rails in, say, such a street as Fort street? Have they ever read any accounts of accidents through electric trolley cars being used? San Francisco is tired of them and wants to get rid of them.

How about the compulsory appropriation of private property by the proposed Electric Railway Company? What right have they to turn a man out of his home or invade his private grounds? If it was public uses no one could object, but for the benefit of a company which wants a fifty year franchise free gratis, everyone kicks.

Joseph Marsden, Commissioner of Agriculture, appeals to the public to save their alligator pear seeds and send them to him. He will have them propagated at the Government Nursery and will distribute the young plants free. Every lover of the fruit should encourage Mr. Marsden in his laudable endeavors to increase the number of bearing trees in the country. Save your seeds and send them right away.

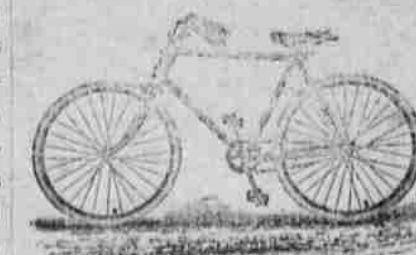
L. B. Kerr has just received a fine assortment of new Suits, Trousers, etc. Also a select stock of Collars, Neckties, Sox and Straw Hats. These varied lines should be seen. Get a move on, gentlemen.

Harry Kiemme, the popular dispenser of refreshments, is now serving the customers of the Pacific Saloon, and telling them all about "When I ran for the Constitutional Convention."

## CHALLENGE!

WE, THE BOAT BOY CREW, CHALLENGE Captain Parker's Crew to a Race with 6 Oars, 10 Oars, 12 Oars or 14 Oars for a purse of \$500.  
S. M. KALA,  
20-14 Captain of the Boat Boy Crew.

## Timely Topics.



Honolulu, July 9, 1895.

Lord Rosebury is out and Lord Salisbury is in. The change is of course of the greatest importance and it is proper to look into the causes which led to the speedy downfall of the Liberal party. The majority of the Liberals will say that the retirement of Gladstone from the premiership made his party weak, and that Rosebury could not hold the different factions together. Others will claim that the vacillating foreign policy pursued by the Liberal government made the party which it represented and from which it gained its power unpopular. The English people are always preaching peace themselves, but they do not allow their government to do it and they are jealous of any real or imaginary attempt to infringe on their dignity as a nation by any "blasted furriner." The vexed question of Home Rule has also been blamed for the downfall of the Liberals, and there is no doubt that the failure to solve that question has something to do with Rosebury's defeat. It is finally said that the expression of inclination for race horses made him unpopular among the very Christian middle classes who consider betting on the track and all the other paraphernalia of a horse race as works of His Satanic Majesty. And that is the real mistake made by Lord Rosebury. If he had possessed sufficient wisdom he would have dropped horse racing and horses and he would have purchased a Monarch Bicycle and gone out wheeling. We are now expecting a fresh invoice. It took only one month to sell the first lot imported by us. We have only two wheels left and they are both intended for ladies. The wheel is becoming so popular and so fashionable in Honolulu that very shortly everybody that knows enough to be in the move will own a Monarch and spin along streets and roads. As long as you sit on them you can't fall off. The Monarch is as intelligent as a horse and carries you perfectly safe, and it never shies. We suggest to all persons who now ride or who intend to do so to leave their orders for a Monarch now. Our invoice will be here in the "Australia" and it may be too late to secure a wheel after the steamer arrives. Orders are now pouring in. Remember that we are the Sole Agents of the Monarch in the Hawaiian Islands, and that the wheel cannot be purchased elsewhere in Honolulu.

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